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LIST OF CURRENT CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A device for preparing hot beverages ~~having~~ comprising a water container (14) ~~which is removably arranged on a first base plate; (11), can be removed from the base plate and has~~ a first heating device (37) ~~for~~ capable of heating the water contained in the water container; ~~having~~ a filter unit (22) ~~which receives~~ arranged to receive ground coffee or tea leaves; ~~having means (25, 35) a water transfer arrangement~~ for transferring water originating from the water container (14) into the filter unit; ~~the water transfer arrangement including (22), the means (25, 35) for transferring the water having~~ a second heating device (36) for heating the water to be transferred; ~~and having~~ a receiving vessel (21) arranged downstream of the filter unit (22), wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the water container (14) can optionally be positioned in a first position, at ~~in~~ which the water container (14) is ~~used~~ usable as a reservoir container for the water to be transferred into the filter unit (22), or in a second position, in ~~at~~ which the water container (14) is usable ~~used~~ as a kettle.

2. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ ~~in~~ the first position the water container (14) is offset at an angle in relation to the second position.

3. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in claim 2, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ ~~in~~ the second position the water container (14) is turned substantially through 90° with respect to the first position.

4. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in claim 1, ~~wherein a one of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that in the~~ bottom region (16) of the water container (14) has an outlet opening (28) which can be closed by a self-closing valve device (30).

5. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in claim 4, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ ~~the means (25, 35) for transferring the water~~ transfer arrangement discharges ~~issue~~ into an inlet nozzle (25) which is arranged on an ~~the~~ upper side (19) of the first base

plate (11) and opens the valve device (30) when the water container (14) is arranged in the first position.

6. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in claim 5, wherein the water transfer arrangement comprises ~~characterized in that the means (25, 35) for transferring the water comprise~~ a nonreturn valve (38) which is connected downstream of the inlet nozzle (35).

7. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~one of claims 1 to 5, characterized in that~~ the first base plate (12) comprises an electrical supply means (39) which ~~is~~ are in electrical contact with the first heating device (37) by means of detachable contact-making device when the water container is ~~means (17)~~ in the second position of the water container (14).

8. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in claim 7, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the detachable contact-making device ~~means (17)~~ comprise a 360° connector which is arranged on the upper side of the first base plate (11) and interacts with a the complementary socket which is arranged on the lower side of the water container.

9. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in claim 7, wherein ~~either of claims 7 and 8, characterized in that~~ the electrical contact is interrupted when the water container is ~~is~~ in the first position of the water container (14).

10. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in claim 2, wherein an ~~one of claims 2-8 and claim 9, characterized in that~~ the upper side (19) of the first base plate (11) and ~~the~~ a lower side (16) of the water container (14) are profiled such that the electrical contact is interrupted when the water container (14) is turned from the second position into the first position.

11. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in claim 1, including ~~one of claims 1 to 10, characterized in that~~ a second base plate (12) is ~~provided for~~ holding the receiving vessel ~~container (21)~~.

12. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in claim 11, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the first and second base plates (11, 12) are connected to one another to form a common base (13).

13. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~one of claims 1 to 11, characterized in that~~ the water container (14) is arranged above the filter unit (22).

14. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~one of claims 1 to 13, characterized in that~~ the filter unit (22) is fixed to a profiled pipe (23) which runs vertically.

15. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in claim 1, including ~~one of claims 1 to 14, characterized in that~~ a further electrically operated cordless kitchen appliance ~~may be arranged~~ supportable on the base plate (11) if when the water container (14) is removed.

16. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in claim 15, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the further kitchen appliance is a cordless toaster or a cordless egg boiler.